

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The consolidation of the media has resulted in lack of information on events that occur. We hear only what large corporations and the Republican party wishes for us to hear. For example, not one of the major networks featured protests against the war in Iraq when thousands of people all over the country participated. I urge you to not destroy the rights of our citizens. How on Earth can a commonly-owned media have stronger incentives to provide diverse formats, programs, and content as you suggest? Shall we move toward the commonly-owned media that Communist and dictatorships, such as Iraq, now have? It doesn't make sense for a few wealthy companies to own the rights to what we hear. For goodness sake, stop taking away our rights.